

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 24-49 are pending in the application. Claims 42 and 43 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, Claims 40 and 41 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Applicants thank the Examiner for favorable consideration and allowance of Claims 24-39 and 44-49.

This is in response to a telephonic interview with the Examiner on 1 March 2005 in which it was agreed upon that the case would be in condition for allowance with amended Claim 40 and Claim 41 being made independent from the original Claim 40. These changes are being made by the present amendment. It is submitted that the case is now in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration of the outstanding rejections is respectfully requested.

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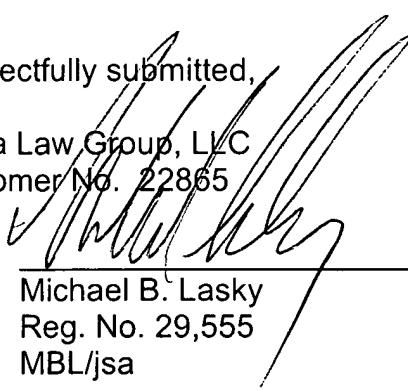
If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact the attorney listed below, Michael B. Lasky at (952) 253-4106.

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